

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1351-68

HISTORIC NAME:	Emley's Hill Methodist-Episcopal Church	COMMON NAME:	Emley's Hill Methodist Church
LOCATION:	69 Emley's Hill Road	BLOCK/LOT:	20/6.01
MUNICIPALITY:	Upper Freehold Township	COUNTY:	Monmouth
USGS QUAD:	Roosevelt	OWNER/ ADDRESS:	Emley's Hill Methodist Church

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date:	1855	Source of Date:	Date stone in facade
Style:	Vernacular Victorian	Architect:	
Number of Stories:	1	Builder:	
Foundation:	Concrete veneer	Form/Plan Type:	Rectangle with tower
Exterior Wall Fabric:	Aluminum siding		
Fenestration:	3 bay by 4 bay		
Roof/Chimneys:	Gable, flared pyramidal roof on tower; external cinder block chimney at rear		

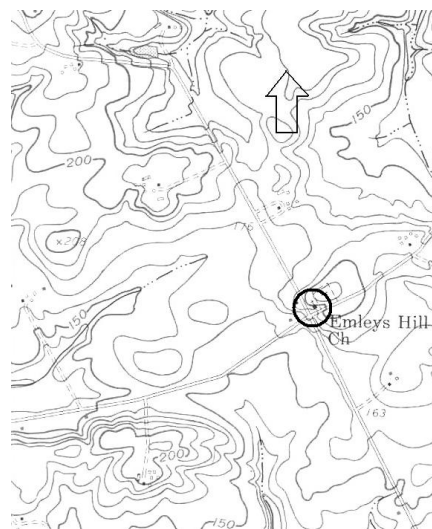
Additional Architectural Description:

This small rural church building has a low pitched roof with gable returns, the main block of the church is three bays deep and has tall stained glass windows. One story sections flanking the tower have been built under hip roofs. It has a central double front doorway with a stained glass transom and small stained glass windows to either side of it. A commemorative stone is in the tower which reads "EMLEY'S HILL/M.E. CHURCH/ ERECTED 1790/BURNED AND REBUILT 1807/PRESENT STRUCTURE ERECTED 1855" and another below it which reads "ERECTED/AS A MEMORIAL TO/DANIEL HAVENS/1913".

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MAP (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The church faces south on the crest of Emley's Hill. A cemetery fills the lot to the east and north of the church.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☒ Village ☐
Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☒ Emley's Hill Cemetery

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

This church is representative of the small rural church buildings built in Monmouth County in the mid nineteenth century. Its location at the top of Emley's Hill makes it a landmark in that section of the township. The church is one of the earliest Methodist congregations in the county, having been formed in 1790; the earliest in the county was located at what is now Adelphia, and was formed c. 1780 (#1319-1-3). Samuel Emley owned the farm north of the church (#1351-41) and donated the land for the church. He was also one of the original trustees. This is the third church building in this location.

ORIGINAL USE: Church

PRESENT USE: Church

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☐ No ☒ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☒ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

1. Ellis, History of Monmouth County, (1885): p. 637.
2. Lightfoot Map, 1851.
3. Beers Map, 1860.
4. Beers Atlas, 1873.
5. Wolverson Atlas, 1889.

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Emley's Hill Methodist Episcopal Church



View northwest.
1981 photograph.